

Dear Sirs;

I have been following the process involving the above referenced issue both in the papers and on C-Span. I am utterly amazed that this proposed change in FCC rules has made it this far. I am appalled at the FCC's attitude and have written both my congressman and my Senator in this regard. I have watched the large Telcos systematical destroy competition in Internet service both in California and in Hawaii. I have watched Verizon and PacBell (SBC) strangle the ISP market in those states with a cynical and dishonest policy of denying co-location access, false marketing and below cost pricing of products (especially DSL products). I have seen in Hawaii, the practice of deny co-location and assuming the resulting litigation costs as simply the cost of doing business in this state. Concurrently I have seen the level of access and services decline and know first hand of Verizon's decision NOT to provide broadband services to those areas that do not provide sufficient ROI. It should be obvious to any of you at the FCC, if you have spent any time looking into and analyzing the development and evolution of information and communication technologies and their deployment that this process was lead by SMALL clecs, independent ISPs and equipment developers - NOT the ILECs who are nothing more than incumbent bureacracys interested only in ROI and expanding and dominating their sales reach. Innovation, service to the community, customer support and QoS are not and never have been a part of the telco's business plan. Small ISPs and the independent companies and consultants supporting them have been the backbone of this information revolution and actually continue to be so as wireless technologies develop. Your support of the ILECs is akin to the railroad scandels in the US a century and a quarter ago and should be completely condemned. I have listened closely to Mr. Powell's testimony on C-Span and have marveled at the blatency of his support for this measure - and been digusted by his cynical logic. Please be advised that your support of this rule change is utterly opposed by myself and many, many others in Hawaii.